Kar Seva at Ayodhya, date-wise and place-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to rehabilitate those injured and the nature of compensation paid to the dependents of those killed; and

(c) the amount of money already paid in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reservation of Group 'A' posts for SCs|STs in Scientific Departments

517. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any orders for reservation in Scientific and Technical posts for SCs|STs in Scientific Departments only upto the lowest rank of Group A posts;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that this order contraverces the constitutional provisions of articles 16 and 335 in depriving them of the entry into Public Services;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the absence of provision for reservation to SCs|STs in Scientific and Technical posts upto pay scale of Rs. 2200-4000 has denied representation to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to extend the reservation in the Scientific and Technical posts carrying the pay scale of above Rs. 2200-4000; and

(e) what steps have been taken to give social justice and adequate representation to Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes in Scientific Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) Reservation for SC and ST applies to appointments to all posts including scientific and technical posts except in such of the Scientific and Technical posts which are above the lowest rank of Group 'A' and are meant for conducting or organising, guiding and directing research which have been exempted from the purview of reservation orders. These orders regarding exemption of certain categories from the purview of reservation orders have been in force from 1975 and are in conformity with the Constitutional provisions.

(e) A large number of concessions like age relaxation, full examination fee exemption, free pre-recruitment coaching facilities, relaxation in experience qualification in direct recruitment, no limit on number of chances for appearing in competitive tests, relaxation of standard of suitability, non-adjustment of meritorious SC|ST candidates against reserved vacancies in direct recruitment etc. have been given to SC|ST candidates with a view to ensure their adequate representation in the services.

Reservation for SCs and STs under the Scientific Policy Resolution

518. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the Scientific Policy Resolution of 1958 for reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Scientific and Technical posts in all the Scientific Departments;

(b) if not, whether Government are aware that the absence of such provision of reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes contravenes the articles 16 and 335 of the Constitution of India and latest Government policies; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Scientific policy Resolution of 1958 and the subsequent orders in this regard to give social justice and equal